Taking over of the DMS by a cooperative society

*175. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Sarkaria Committee report on the reorganisation of Delhi set-up, has recommended the take-over of the Delhi Milk Scheme by a cooperative society under the Delhi Co-operative Society's Act, 1972;

(b) whether Government have since taken or propose to take any final decision to hand over the DMS to any co-operative society;

(c) if so, the details of the recommendations made in this regard; and

(d) to what extent the consumers would be benefited as a result thereof?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI DEVI LAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The matter is under consideration.

Recruitment of Bhopal Gas Victims in the establishments of the Railways

*176. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has been decided to extend cerain priority for the recruitment of Bhopal Gas Victims in the various establishments of the Railways particularly in the Bhopal Railway Workshop;

(b) if so, what specific concessions have been extended for recruitment of Bhopal gas victims; and

(c) the number of such victims who have been employed|re-employed in the railway establishments under the special concessions scheme?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b) The following concessions have been extended as a one time measure by the Ministry of Railways to the Bhopal Gas Victims in the matter of considering them for employment in the Coach Repair Workshop at Bhopal:

(i) Persons who have been affected by the Bhopal Gas tragedy of 1984 (i.e. gas affected persons) will be given preferential consideration, if they are otherwise eligible and suitable, for the recruitment in the Bhopal Coach Repair Workshop upto 50 per cent of the posts (in the initial recruitment categories) sanctioned for the workshop. (Initially in September, 1988 this was fixed as upto 33-1|3 per cent of the posts. This was raised to 50 per cent as a special concession in February, 1989). The identification of the persons eligible for such consideration will be done jointly by the Railway Administration and the State Government of Madhya Pradesh.

(ii) Such of the gas affected persons as have already completed the ITI courses or Act Apprentice course in the concerned trade will also be given due consideration against the aforesaid 50 per cent limit.

(iii) In the case of gas affected persons who had undergone the condensed course organised by the Madhya Pradesh Government if they are considered suitable, they will be selected provisionally and the balance period of training will be arranged by the Madhya Pradesh Government at their cost. Only such of them as finally get ITI certificate will be placed on the panel of selected candidates.

(iv) Limited relaxation in medical standards has been permitted.

(v) Relaxation in upper age limit upto 30 years of age has been permitted in the open market recruitment in Group C&D posts.

These concessions are presently valid up to 30-6-1990.

(c) Out of 350 Trainee Artisans recruited for the Coach Repair Workshop at Bhopal early in 1989, 117 gas affected victims were selected. Out of these, one person has left service, another one was medically unfit and the third one did not report. Thus 114 of these persons are at present working as Trainee Artisans.

15-point programme for the Welfare of the Minorities

*177. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to make the 15-Point Programmes, for the welfare of the minorities, a target oriented programme with quantified results;

(b) whether the Prime Minister has assured in a TV interview on he 10th March, 1990 that the programme would be reviewed every month at the Cabinet level; if so whether a committee has been constituted for the purpose; and

(c) whether the compensation to the riot-affected victims have been raised from Rs. 20,000/- to Rs. 50,000/-; if so, how many States have accepted these instructions from the Prime Minister?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The revised guidelines on promotion of communal harmony, presently under final stages of formulation, *inter-alia*, would incorporate raising the amount of ex-gratia grant in case of death or permanent incapacitation from Rs. 20,000/- to Rs. 50,000/-, and also pension of Rs. 500/- p.m. to widows of riot victims in the low income groups. The revised guidelines would be issued to State Governments, which would take effect from 1st April, 1990.

Replacement of good dry dates in NCCF Bombay

*178. SHRI BHAGAT RAM MANHAR:

SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the then Regional Manager (West) of NCCF had shifted 600 Mts. of imported dry dates from Nasik to New Bombay in September 1986;

(b) whether there were complaints that these stocks were stored in the cold storage which was keeping heavy quantities of a private firm, who allegedly replaced the goods of NCCF by inferior socks in collusion with the then Regional Manager (West) and his subordinate officers; and

(c) if so, what Departmental action Government have taken against the officers responsible for this irregulatory?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI NATHU RAM MIRDHA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) NCCF have reported that no such complaints have come to their notice.

(c) Does not arise.

Subsidy and financial assistance to Co-operative Housing Societies in Delhi

*179. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of registered cooperative housing societies in Delhi as on 31st December, 1989;

(b) the number of houses and flats constructed by these societies upto 31st December, 1989; and

(c) the amount of subsidy and financial assistance given by Government to these societies so far?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) 2,145.